

MEMORANDUM DM 97-15

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TO: All Coal Mine Operators

FROM: _____
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SUBJECT: Certification Examination - First Aid Section

As approved by the Board of Coal Mining Examiners, all examinations will contain a first aid section, and the First Class Mine Foreman examinations for underground and surface will have a practical section added.

The practical section for the mine foreman exams will evaluate knowledge and understanding in the proper completion of required pre-shift and on-shift examination records.

These changes to examination procedures now required by the Board of Coal Mining Examiners will become effective January 2, 1998.

The following certification examinations will contain a section on first aid using the **DM First Aid For Miner's Study Guide** as reference:

- Chief Electrician
- Electrical Maintenance Foreman
- First Class Mine Foreman
- First Class Shaft/Slope Foreman
- Mine Inspector
- Preparation Plant Foreman
- Surface Foreman

The following certification examinations will contain a section on first aid using the **MSHA Basic First Aid Manual #3** as reference:

- Automatic Elevator
- Diesel Engine Mechanic Instructor
- Diesel Engine Mechanic Underground
- Dock Foreman
- Electrical Repairman Underground
- Electrical Repairman Surface
- Hoisting Engineer
- Shot Firer Underground
- Surface Blaster
- Surface Facilities Foreman
- Top Person

Study guides and other reference materials for first aid and mine foreman records are available at the following locations:

Dept. of Mines, Minerals, & Energy
P. O. Box 709
Keen Mountain, VA 24624

Dept. of Mines, Minerals, & Energy
Drawer 900
Big Stone Gap, VA 24219

Should you have questions concerning this matter, please contact Mary S. Gibson, Regulatory Boards Administrator, at 276/523-8234.